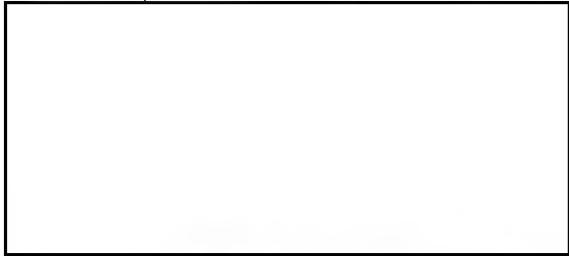


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STAT I have received a rather long letter, dated October 11, 1959 from your wife, [redacted] addressed to Mr. Allen W. Dulles. Enclosed with this letter was the check in the amount of \$1.00 which my predecessor, STAT [redacted] sent to you under date of 2 October 1959, in response to your request. Also enclosed was the original of his letter and a letter from the Director of Central Intelligence. The return of all these papers, which had been sent to you at your request, is rather puzzling. On the assumption that you did not intend to have them destroyed, I am returning them to you by registered mail.

The letter from your wife indicates dissatisfaction with [redacted] STAT letter to you and states that your children have never heard of the Strategic Services Unit. If you were dissatisfied with his letter, I am truly sorry. In any event, it was not a form letter. However, useful as your invention and the license to the Government to use it has been, it does not seem appropriate to ask the President of the United States to take the time to return your one dollar check to you. With this view, Mr. Dulles agrees.

For the benefit of your children, I should like to state that the Office of Strategic Services, whose employees performed some notable

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STAT services for the country in addition to your invention [redacted]

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[redacted] was dissolved after the end of the war. Its true and legal successor is the Strategic Services Unit, Department of the Army, and this Unit is the only agency which can speak on behalf of the Office of Strategic Services. It was for this reason that your letter to the President of 16 August 1959 was referred to my predecessor. As the person responsible for OSS affairs, he accordingly sent to you the check concerned, together with his expressions of appreciation for your services during World War II.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]  
Executive Director

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